

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of

Confirmation No. 5407

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RESPONSE

THE COMMISSIONER IS AUTHORIZED TO CHARGE ANY DEFICIENCY IN THE FEES FOR THIS PAPER TO DEPOSIT **ACCOUNT NO. 23-0975**

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

APPARATUS AND METHOD OF MULTIPLE DECODING

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated February 25, 2004, having a three (3) month shortened-statutory period for response set to expire May 25, 2004, please amend the aboveidentified application as follows: